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SUBJECT: 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS ON UNESCO
CULTURAL STUDIES AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (UNIT 11)

SUMMARY: OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS IN COMMISSION II ON
UNESCO CULTURAL STUDIES AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
ACTIVITIES ARE FULLY SATISFACTORY TO US INTERESTS.
EXBD WILL RECONSIDER DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING
INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT ON STATUS OF ARTISTS. US
PROJECT ON CULTURAL CHANGES IN TECHNOLOGICALLY
ADVANCED SOCIETIES WAS TRONGLY SUPPORTED BY LARGE
NUMBER OF OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.
INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FUND HAS BECOME OPERABLE AS
RESULT OF LARGE DONATION BY VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT.
COMMISSION II VOTED A HIGHER PRIORITY IN MEDIUM-TERM
PLAN TO OBJECTIVE 3.5 CONCERNING INTERGOVERNMENTAL
CONFERENCES ON CULTURAL POLCIES AND TRAINING OF
CULTURAL ADMINISTRATORS AND STRONGLY CRITICIZED
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PROGRAM ACTIVITIES (OBJECTIVE 3.6) CONCERNING

STIMULATION OF ARTISTIC AND INTELECTUAL CREATIVITY.

1. AS AT PREVIOUS GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS, UNESCO'S PROGRAM ACTIVITIES ON CULTURAL STUDIES AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RECEIVED IN COMMISSION II INORDINATE AMOUNT OF ATTENTION WITH SOME 78 DELEGATIONS TAKING THE FLOOR TO CONSIDER 48 DRAFT RESOLUTIONS INCLUDING 19 C/DR. 111 (SOVIET INITIATIVE ON CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION) ALREADY REPORTED ON BY SEPTEL.

2. ON BASIS THESE DISCUSSIONS, US DEL DRAWS FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS. FIRST, THERE IS GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT CULTURAL STUDIES PROGRAM NOW ADEQUATELY REFLECTS CULTURAL INTERESTS OF ALL GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS EXCEPT FOR ARAB REGION AS EXPLAINED BELOW. SECOND, A LARGE NUMBER OF MEMBER STATES (INCLUDING CANADA, AUSTRIA, SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES; AND AFRICANS) ARE OF VIEW THAT UNESCO PROGRAM ACTIVITIES ON CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RELATING TO INTERGONVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES ON CULTURAL POLICIES, TRAINING OF CULTURAL ADMINISTRATORS, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL CULTURAL DOCUMENTATION CENTERS (OBJECTIVE 3.5) ARE GROSSLY UNDERFINANCED. AS AN INDICATION OF THIS CONCERN, COMMISSION II VOTED (29 - 0 - 69(US)) TO ACCORD SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER PRIORITY IN THE YEARS TO COME TO OBJECTIVE 3.5. LARGE NUMBER OF ABASTENTIONS ARE DUE TO FACT THAT MAY DELEGATIONS WERE CONFUSED ABOUT CONSEQUENCES OF THIS ACTION IN TERMS OF OTHER UNESCO PROGRAM OBJECTIVESX IN MEDIUM-TERM PLAN RATHER THAN TO ANY LACK OF INTEREST IN THIS SECTOR UNESCO'S WORK. FINALLY, THERE WAS BROAD DISSATISFACTION WITH OBJECTIVE 3.6 DEALING WITH STIMULATION OF ARTISTIC AND INTELLECTUAL CREATIVITY AS PRESENTLY CONSITUTUED. AT LEAST 12 DELEGATIONS (INCLUDING US DEL WHOSE INTERVENTION WAS FEATURED IN KENYA STANDARD OF NOV 16, 1976) CRITICIZED THIS SECTOR ON GROUNDS IT PLACED UNDULY HEAVY EMPHASIS ON STUDIES ANY IVENTORIES ABOUT MATERIAL CONDITIONS OF ARTISTS, ON ESTABLISHMENT

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OF INTERNATIONAL NORMS AND STANDARDS ABOUT THE PROMOTION OF THE ARTIST, AND ON EXPERT MEETINGS IN WHICH GOVERNMENT NOMINEES ARE SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT INTERESTE OF ARTISTIC PROFESSION. IN RESPONSE TO THIS CRITICISM, ADG FOR CULTURE INDICATED THAT THIS PORTION OF PROGRAM WOULD HAVE TO BE RECONSIDERED.

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3. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO DEPARTMENT AND IO/UCS
ARE ACTIONS RELATING TO (A) DOCUMENT 19 C/ER ON
STATUS AND SOCIAL POSITION OF ARTIST; (B) US PROJECT
UNDER CULTURAL STUDIES PROGRAM ON CULTURAL CHANGES
IN TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED SOCIETIES; (C) DOCUMENT
19 C/89 ON INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FUND; AND (D)
DR.203 ON ARAB AND ISLAMIC CULTURAL STUDIES SUBMITTED
BY 13 ARAB COUNTRIES.

4. RE ITEM (A), COMMISSION II AGREED WITH LITTLE
DISCUSSION AND BY VOTE OF 68 (US) - 8 - 9 TO REFER
BACK TO EXBD DOCUMENT 19 C/34 FOR FURTHER STUDY AND
REFLECTION BEFORE DECIDING ON ADVISABILITY OF
ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT. SENEGAL
AND UPPER VOLTA DEL ATTEMPTS TO PUSH FOR
INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT (19 C/PRG II DR.7) RAN INTO
STIFF OPPOSITION FROM ADG FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS LUSSIER
WHO DECLARED DRAFT RESOLUTION UNRECEIVABLE AND OUT
OF ORDER ON GROUNDS THAT GC HAD NOT APPROVED INCLUSION
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OF AGENDA ITEM CONCERNING ADVISABILITY OF
ESTABLISHING INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ON THIS SUBJECT.
THIS ITEM WILL REQUIRE CLOSE SUPERVISION BY US
PERMANENT DELEGATION DURING COMING BIENNIAL SINCE
SECRETARIAT (PARTICULARLY POUCHPA DASS (INDIAN))
LOBBIED DELEGATIONS INTENSIVELY AT THIS CONFERENCE
TO PRESS FOR INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT. IN FACT, HE
IS AUTHOR OF 19 C/PRG II/DR 7.

5. RE ITEM (B), US PROJECT, WHICH WAS SHARPLY
CRITICIZED AT 18 GC AND BLACK LISTED IN C/4
QUESTIONNAIRE, RECEIVED STRONG SUPPORT AND
EXPRESSIONS OF COOPERATION FROM AUSTRIAN, SWISS,
FRENCH, JAPANESE, FINNISH, AND CZECHOSLOVAK
DELEGATIONS, THUS PAVING WAY FOR INCREASED
PARTICIPATION OF INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS IN THIS
ACTIVITY WHICH SECRETARIAT HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO
PROMOTE THROUGH CONTRACTS WITH JAPANESE AND POLISH
NATIONAL COMMISSIONS AS FOLLOW-UP TO US NATIONAL
COMMISSION/WINGSPREAD CONFERENCE ON CULTURAL
TRANSFORMATION IN ADVANCED TECHNOLOGICAL SOCIETIES
HELD IN RACINE, WISCONSIN SEPTEMBER 1976. PLEASE
PASS ABOVE INFO TO PROJECT OFFICER HERB SHORE IN
DEL MAR, CALIFORNIA.

6. RE ITEM (C), VENEZUELAN DELEGATION ANNOUNCED
CONTRIBUTION OF HIS GOVERNMENT OF \$2 MILLION TO
INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FUND ESTABLISHED AT 18 GC,
THUS MAKING FUND OPERABLE.

7. RE ITEM (D), US DEL DID NOT SUBMIT DRAFT
RESOLUTION ON ISLAMIC STUDIES AS REQUESTED IN POSITION
PAPER BECAUSE ARABS (INCLUDING LIBYA, IRAQ, AND
ALGERIA) HAD ALREADY SUBMITTED ONE OF THEIR OWN
(DR 203) CALLING FOR DOUBLING OF BUDGET FOR ARAB
CULTURAL STUDY PROGRAM FROM \$85,600 TO \$171,200. SUCH
INITIATIVE WOULD SURELY HAVE PROVOKED POLITICAL
CONTROVERSY WITH ARABS. MOREOVER, UK AND ITALIAN
DELEGATIONS WHICH HAD NOT BEEN APPROACHED ON MATTER
PRIOR TO NAIROBI, RESUED SUPPORT SUCH INITIATIVE
FOR POLITICAL AND SUBSTANTIVE REASONS. AS IT WAS,
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ARABS LOBBIED INTENSIVELY BEHIND SCENES
(INCLUDING PERSONAL CALLS ON DG M'BOW) WITH RESULT

THAT SRECRETARIAT AGREED TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY
BUDGET FOR PROJECT BY \$50,000 (\$20,000 FROM REGULAR
PROGRAM AND BALANCE UNDER PARTICPATION PROGRAM).
ACCORDING SECRETARIAT (BAMMATE), IT IS INTENTION
OF ITALIAN NATIONAL COMMISSION, WITH SUPPORT OF
CINI FOUNDATION, TO REQUEST UNESCO PARTICPATION
PROGRAM ASSISTANCE FOR AN OUT-OF-CATEGORY MEETING
ON SUBJECT OF POSITION PAPER TO WHICH US AND
MODERATE ARAB SCHOLARS (I.E.EGYPT) WOULD BE
INVITED.
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